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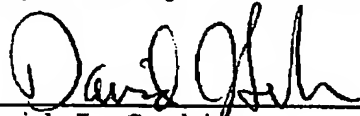
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Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months to respond to the Office Action of March 25, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees associated with this communication and during the pendency of the application under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501348. This sheet is submitted in duplicate.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated March 25, 2003, applicants elect for prosecution Group I, Claims 1-12.

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